

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/668,118

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/20/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-8,10-15,17-19,21 and 22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 10/20/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Notice of Allowance

This is the Notice of Allowance for application number 10/668,118 Portable Stand filed on 9/22/03. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-15, 17-19, 21 and 22 are allowed.

Drawings

The applicant has argued that Figure 7, submitted 10/20/05 was not new matter because it had been fully described by the Specification. This is persuasive in that the original disclosure of the specification describes the belt-bow device adequately. (See Spec page 3, lines 5-9). Figure 8 has been cancelled as new matter and the associated claims have been cancelled.

The drawings are objected to because Figures 2 and 33, threaded pin elements 66 and 74 should be shown as threaded. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either

"Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/20/05 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The abstract filed 9/22/03 has been deleted and the following new abstract has been added.

ABSTRACT

Portable stand, in particular a portable stand for holding and supporting video cameras, photo-cameras and other optical recording devices, consisting of an oblong basic body; a lower handle mounted to the lower end of the basic body by a first holding

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element, wherein the lower handle exhibits a fixing hook which engages a pin device of the first holding device and the fixing hook has an at least in parts threaded pin extension for receiving a first forked joint and a fixing screw, wherein the fixing screw is led through a grip surface of the first handle and the first forked joint is pressed onto or released from the first holding element through turning of the grip surface, in such a way that the position of the first handle is adjustable and fixable as desired; an upper handle mounted by a second holding element between the lower and the upper end of the basic body, wherein the upper handle exhibits a fixing hook engaging a pin device of the second holding element and the fixing hook has an at least in parts threaded pin extension for receiving a second forked joint and a fixing screw, wherein the fixing screw is led through a grip surface of the second handle and the second forked joint is pressed onto or released from the second holding element through turning the grip surface, in such a way that the position of the second handle is adjustable and fixable as desired; wherein the first and/or second grip surface of the first and/or second handle is detachable through unscrewing the respective fixing screw; and a connection plate provided at the upper end of the basic body for receiving the device to be carried.

In claim 1, line 3, "after oblong basic body", having an upper and lower end has been added.

In claim 1, line 8, after "grip surface of" and before "handle" [first] has been deleted and lower has been added.

In claim 1, line 10, after "position of said" [first] has been deleted and lower has been added.

In claim 1, line 17, before "handle" [second] has been deleted and upper has been added.

In claim 1, line 19, after "position of said" [second] has been deleted and upper has been added.

In claim 1, line 20, after "wherein" and before "said", at least one of has been added.

In claim 1, line 20 after "said" and before "grip" [first and/or second] has been deleted.

In claim 1, line 20, after "grip" and before "of said" [surface] has been deleted and surfaces has been added.

In claim 1, line 20, after "grip surfaces" and before "said" of the at least one of has been added.

In claim 1, line 20, after "said" and before "is" [first and/or second handle] has been deleted and lower and upper handles has been added.

In claims 2, 6, 13, 14 and 17, line 2, after "of" and before "serves" [said first and/or second handle] has been deleted and at least one of said lower and upper handles has been added.

In claims 3 and 14, line 3, after “for fixing” and before “to” [said first and/or second handle] has been deleted and at least one of said lower and upper handles has been added.

In claims 3 and 14, line 3, after “to” [external elements] has been deleted and an external element has been added.

In claims 10 and 21, line 1, after “wherein said” and before “lower handle” [first] has been deleted.

In claims 11 and 22, line 1, after wherein said” and before “upper handle” [second] has been deleted.

Authorization for this examiner’s amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lou Isaf on 11/8/05.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The reason is that the prior art of record does not show in combination a camera support with the following:

An oblong basic body and a connection plate with upper and lower handles, the handles attached to the basic body by having a first holding element, the first holding

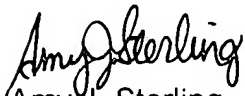
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element containing a fixing hook with a threaded extension, a pin device, a first forked joint with a fixing screw which extends through the handle with a grip surface to connect the forked joint to the handle wherein the handles are detachable by unscrewing the respective fixing screw.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy J. Sterling at telephone number 571-272-6823. The examiner can normally be reached (M-F 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski at 571-272-6788. The fax machine number for the -Technology center is 571-273-8300 (formal amendments) or 571-273-6823 (informal amendments/communications). Any inquiry of a general -nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at 571-272-3600.


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